



RESOLUTION No. 2019-26

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, AND APPROVING THE PROJECT AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM – E. GEORGE TO LAKE WILDWOOD BACKBONE EXTENSION PIPELINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Nevada Irrigation District (“District”) has undertaken the review of a project to construction approximately 5.6 miles of pipeline from the E. George Treated Water System to the Lake Wildwood Treated Water System and all the necessary appurtenances (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (“CEQA”) requires state, local, and other agencies to evaluate or reduce, when feasible, the significant environmental impacts of their respective projects; and

WHEREAS, the District’s engineering staff has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2019, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project was published in The Union newspaper, advising of the time and place of a public hearing on the Project; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2019, following a public hearing on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project, the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District approved the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project including changes as presented in the staff report; and


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District that it does find as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Based on its review of the whole record before it, including the Initial Study, presentations of Staff and the public comments, both written and oral, received in response to its Notice of Intent, the Board finds that there is no substantial evidence of record that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of the District.
3. Mitigation measures are made a condition for approval of the Project and the Board hereby adopts the mitigation measures which it has either required in the Project or made a condition of approval to mitigate or avoid significant environmental impacts.
4. The documents which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision of the Board is based are located at the offices of Nevada Irrigation District, 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California, and the Secretary to the Board is the custodian thereof.
5. The Board of Directors hereby approves the Project.
6. The Board Secretary is hereby authorized to file a Notice of Determination, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 'A', with the Office of the County Clerk, Nevada County and State Clearinghouse.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 14th day of August, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors: Bierwagen, Peters, Wilcox, Heck, Miller
NOES:	Directors: None
ABSENT:	Directors: None
ABSTAINS:	Directors: None



President of the Board of Directors

Attest: 

Secretary to the Board of Directors

**NID E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Pipeline Project
Final Mitigated Negative Declaration Approval**

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Nevada County 950 Maidu Avenue Suite 210 Nevada City, CA 95959	CC: Office of Planning and Research 1400 10th Street Sacramento, California 95814	FROM: Nevada Irrigation District 1036 West Main Street Grass Valley, CA 95945
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: NID E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Pipeline Project

State Clearinghouse Number	Contact Person	Telephone Number
2019069025	Tonia Tabucchi Herrera	530-273-6185

Project Approval: The Nevada Irrigation District approved the NID E. George to Lake Wildwood Backbone Extension Pipeline Project on August 14, 2019.

Project Location: The Project is generally located along 5.6 miles of Rough and Ready Highway in Nevada County, California. The proposed alignment would install approximately 5.6 miles of 16 or 20 inch underground pipeline depending on location within the existing County right-of-way/public roads along Rough and Ready Highway (at West Drive), Rough and Ready Road, Minnow Lane, and Lake Wildwood Drive (at Chaparral Drive). Easement acquisition would be required along private roads Empty Diggins Lane, Riffle Box Road, and Bosa Drive as well as the non-roadway segments at the west end of Riffle Box Road and east of Minnow Lane (along a future fire access road).

Project Description: The Project is located along the Rough and Ready Highway and other roads in Nevada County, California. The project spans an approximately 5.6-mile linear alignment that has two sections where it deviates from the roadway and extends across private land. Below is the total alignment and approximate section lengths:

- Along Rough and Ready Highway from West Drive (easternmost Project boundary) to Rough and Ready Road (approximately 2.5 miles).
- From Rough and Ready Highway, the Project continues west along Rough and Ready Road to Riffle Box Road (approximately 1.75 miles).
- The Project continues approximately 460 feet west along Riffle Box Road. At this point Riffle Box Road then makes a sharp turn north; however, the Project alignment continues east, cross country approximately 830 feet, where it rejoins Rough and Ready Road.
- The Project then continues west 209 feet, where it turns south onto Empty Diggins Lane

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- From the intersection of Rough and Ready Road and Empty Diggins Lane, the Project continues southwest along Empty Diggins Road to Bosa Drive (approximately 0.3 mile).
- The Project then turns north on Bosa Drive and continues approximately 0.3 mile to a private driveway.

The Project follows the private driveway west approximately 90 feet to where the driveway makes a turn to the south. The Project would continue along the driveway approximately 500 feet, to where it joins Minnow Way. This area is to be improved as a fire lane by Lake Wildwood HOA.

- The Project then follows Minnow Way approximately 475 feet west to Lake Wildwood Drive.
- At the intersection of Lake Wildwood and Minnow Way, the Project turns north along Lake Wildwood Drive.
- The Project follows Lake Wildwood Drive approximately 0.3 mile north to Chaparral Drive, where it ends at the westernmost boundary.

Alternative Alignment

In addition to the proposed Project, this Initial Study also evaluates an alternative pipeline segment (Alternative Segment). The Alternative Segment is shown in Figure 2-2, Sheet 8 and is located near the western end of the proposed alignment on property owned by the Lake Wildwood Homeowner's Association.

The Alternative Segment begins on the east at Empty Diggins Road and extends southwesterly along an existing dirt road approximately 525 feet. From that point, the Alternative Segment turns north, continuing along an existing dirt road for an additional 1,270 feet until it ties back into the proposed alignment at the western terminus of Bosa Drive. If selected this alternative would replace the 0.30 mile Bosa Drive segment which would eliminate the need for excavation/cuts in existing road pavement and minimize related traffic delays associated with construction.

Pipeline Details

The majority of the Project would be constructed within existing roadways, except where it would cross private property between Riffle Box Road and Rough and Ready Road near Empty Diggins Lane. Another short segment would cross private property just east of Minnow Lane within a private driveway. Appurtenances such as fire hydrants, Pressure Reducing Valve Stations, and service lines and meter boxes would be placed on the shoulder of the road at the adjacent property lines. Stub-outs for future pipeline extensions would also be installed.

NID, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:


1. There is no substantial evidence that the Proposed Project will have a significant effect on the environment;

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2. In accordance with CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project was prepared. The Mitigated Negative Declaration has been approved by NID, which is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of NID;
3. Mitigation measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project; and
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project.
5. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

Nevada Irrigation District
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945


Signature (Public Agency) _____ Title General Manager

Date: 8/14/19 _____ Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____